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Copies of the listed documents were previously cited by the Examiner in prior application Serial No. 09/617,130, filed July 14, 2000, upon which applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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